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Above: the homepage of a new online store created by the Department of Agriculture to offer Connecticut Grown-themed clothing and other items.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT TO LAUNCH ONLINE CONNECTICUT GROWN STORE

By Rebecca Eddy, Marketing and Inspection Representative

Fans of Connecticut Grown farm products can now proclaim their passion on apparel and a variety of other functional items.

T-shirts, polo shirts and sweatshirts along with baseball hats, coffee mugs and other merchandise featuring the Connecticut Grown logo will be offered for public sale for the first time through a new e-commerce website site created by the Department of Agriculture.

The site - ConnecticutGrownStore.com - is scheduled to go live before Thanksgiving.

"The Connecticut Grown logo represents a diverse array of food and other farm goods raised and made in our state," Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said. "I have witnessed an increasing number of people wanting to visibly demonstrate their support for locally-sourced products, and

this store will give them the opportunity to do so."

The concept for the store site and an associated Facebook page was piloted through a Connecticut Grown merchandise tent the department ran in September at its Farmland Preservation Celebration on the Lebanon Green.

The event drew hundreds of farm families and others to mark the milestones of 300 farms and 40,000 acres being protected under the state's Farmland Preservation Program.

A special logo created for the event highlighting various forms of Connecticut agriculture and prime farmland soils was featured on commemorative items including T-shirts, insulated grocery tote bags and Mason jar mugs with a screw-on lid.

Those items will be also be available through the new online store while supplies last.

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PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:

breakers 75-80% lean	103.75	108.50
boners 80-85% lean	99.00	103.75
lean 85-90% lean	92.00	97.75

CALVES graded bull

No 1 106-118lbs	442.00	488.00
No 2 102-118lbs	411.00	453.00
No 3 100-130lbs	332.00	411.00

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS

HiCh/Prm3-4	167.00	171.00
Ch2-3	160.50	164.00
Sel1-2	151.00	156.00

SLAUGHTER STEERS.

HiCh/prm3-4	165.00	170.00
Ch2-3	159.25	165.50
Sel2-3	155.50	160.75

SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS

HiCh/prm3-4	145.25	149.50
Ch2-3	142.25	145.00
Sel1-2	141.00	146.75

VEALERS

	125.00	234.00
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SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3

50-60lbs	n/a	
50-70lb	205.00	230.00
70-90 lbs	188.00	230.00

SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3

120-160lbs	80.00	107.00
160-200lbs	80.00	94.00

Bucks

170-200.lbs	88.00	124.00
200-250lbs	64.00	124.00

SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel.1, by head, est.

20-40lb	n/a	n/a
40-60lb	140.00	657.00
50-60lb	n/a	
60-80lb	180.00	200.00
80-100	192.00	230.00
Nannies/Does: 120-130lbs	182.00	217.00
130-150lbs	190.00	220.00
Bucks/Billies: 120-160lbs	245.00	280.00
160-180lbs	295.00	340.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

		Low	High
48-52	200-400 lbs	62.00	68.00
	300-350 lbs	n/a	
52-56	200-400 lbs	68.00	76.00

Sows, US1-3	300-500 lbs	70.00	74.50
	500-700 lbs	74.00	76.00
Boars	400-800 lbs	35.00	40.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	LOW	HIGH
SQUASH,BUTTERCUP,1 1/9	14.00	18.00
COLLARDS,24'S	10.00	12.00
CIDER 9/1/2 GAL	20.00	20.00
KALE 24'S	10.00	12.00
CRANBERRIES,24/12OZ	32.00	32.00
POTATOES,10LB	2.00	2.10
BEAN SPROUTS,10LB	4.50	6.00
CAULIFLOWER 9-12CT	14.00	16.00
POTATOES,YELLW,CHEF,50LB	15.00	15.00
CABBAGE,GREEN,BOX	8.00	10.00
SQUASH,ACORN,1 1/9	13.00	15.00
CABBAGE, RED,50LB,BOX	12.00	14.00
BROCCOLI,20 IB,CROWN	14.00	16.00
SQUASH,BUTTERNUT,1 1/9	12.00	14.00
SQUASH,SPAGHETTI,1 1/9	18.00	20.00
TURNIP,PURPLE ,1 1/9	10.00	10.00
PARSNIPS,25LB	24.00	24.00
POTATOES,CHEF,50LB	10.00	11.00
TOMATOES,10IB XLG	26.00	30.00
APPLE,MCNTSH,US#1,120CT	17.00	18.00
APPLE,MCNTSH,96CT EX FCY	24.00	24.00
APPLE,MCNTSH,80 CT FCY	20.00	20.00
APPLE,MCNTSH,88CT FCY	20.00	20.00
APPLE,MCNTSH,12/3	17.00	18.00
APPLE,GALA,80CT,XFCY	24.00	28.00
APPLE,HNYCRSP,100CT,XFCY	32.00	32.00
APPLE,CORT,BU,FCY	18.00	18.00
APPLE,MACOUN,100CTX,FCY	26.00	28.00
PEAR,BOSC,4/5BU	26.00	26.00

WHOLESALE CUT FLOWERS

AMRNTHUS,PR BNCH,LNG	12.50	12.50
GARDENIA,PR BLOOM	5.00	5.50
LILIES,3-5 BLMS,ASIATC,LNG	32.00	32.00
LILIES,MS,ASIATC,LNG	20.00	25.00
LISNTHUS,BNCHED 10'S,LNG	16.50	18.50
SNAPDRAGN,BUNCHED 10'S	12.50	13.50
SUNFLOWER,BNCHED 5'S,LNG	6.50	6.50

WHOLESALE TURKEYWHOLE BODY
PER LB./AVG**US GRADE A FROZEN**

8-16 LB (HEN)	1.19
16-24 LB (TOM)	1.17

US GRADE A FRESH

8-16 LB (HEN)	1.36
16-24 LB (TOM)	1.36

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, Nov. 17, 2014

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	60.00	70.00
61-75 lbs.	150.00	160.00
76-90 lbs.	270.00	280.00
91-105 lbs.	290.00	310.00
106 lbs. & up	330.00	340.00
Farm Calves	390.00	400.00
Starter Calves	50.00	55.00
Veal Calves	130.00	150.00
Open Heifers	102.50	150.00
Beef Heifers	110.00	115.50
Feeder Steers	100.00	145.00
Beef Steers	127.00	141.00
Stock Bulls	110.00	155.00
Beef Bulls	122.00	135.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	60.00	105.00
Feeder Pigs	45.00	57.00
Sheep	95.00	110.00
Lambs	125.00	170.00
Goats each	125.00	150.00
Kid Goats	80.00	100.00
Canners	up to	109.00
Cutters	110.00	113.00
Utility Grade Cows	114.00	117.50
Rabbits each	6.00	14.00
Chickens each	5.00	30.00
Ducks each	5.00	15.00

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDAPer doz. Grade A and Grade A white
in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.24	1.28
LARGE	1.23	1.27
MEDIUM	1.08	1.10

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGSPer doz. Grade A brown in
carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.72	1.76
LARGE	1.70	1.74
MEDIUM	1.19	1.23

PA FEEDER PIG SUMMARY

	US #1	
20-40lb	195.00	235.00
40-60lb	150.00	175.00
	US #2	
20-40lb	210.00	240.00
40-60lb	150.00	165.00

FOR SALE

1-R. Blumenthal & Donahue is now Connecticut's first independent NATIONWIDE Agri-Business Insurance Agency. Christmas tree growers, beekeepers, sheep breeders, organic farmers and all others, call us for all your insurance needs. 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com.

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3-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

4-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

5-R. Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Program, endorsed by the CT Farm Bureau, save up to 23% on your farm insurance and get better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call Marci today at 203-444-6553.

112-R. 2011 Greenhouse 25 X 60, Furnace, Roth Oil Tank, Fans, Micro Gro, Poly Gal Ends Doors, roll up sides, Sodium lights, Benches, \$6,500. 203-233-9677. Photos available.

Martymonroegardens@gmail.com.

120-R. Christmas Greens, wreaths and roping, many sizes and varieties. Samples gladly shown. We deliver. 203-457-1344.

122-R. Dual Dump Wagon Model 1200, works good, \$1,500. JD 2940 with turbo, \$10,500. JD 6310 4X4 with 740 loader, \$24,000. JD 530, \$5,000. New 11 ft Pequea Rake, \$6,500. NH 1465 haybine, \$8,500. Balers, Rake and Tedders. 203-530-4953.

144-R. 4 – Sundair 190,000 BTU oil fired heaters. Used only 6 seasons. Set up for under-bench heating with 24" poly tube. List \$2,350, asking \$900 each. All work fine –replaced with propane heaters. Also: 42" two speed slant-wall exhaust fan with shutter and 45" and 36" motorized intake louvers - \$600. Pallet forks – had been on a John Deere 4020 loader - \$350. Rear weight box off John Deere tractor 3 point hitch, like new - \$200. Delivery available. 860-974-0045.

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146-R. Four (4) 26' X 96' greenhouses completely disassembled and ready to load. \$4,000.00 each. Call 860-844-0547.

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130-R. Fitch Fibers - Bozrah, CT. Custom fiber processing. 860-222-3119. www.fitchfibers.com

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143-R. Bishop's Orchards - Application Development/Management specialist. Maintain/develop applications: MS Access, MS SQL Server and Excel; help Marketing Director and managers with data mining for electronic campaigns and meet our mission/goals. <http://newhaven.craigslist.org/sof/4731214135.html> reply to: marketjobs@bishopsorchards.com

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The website has been designed to be user-friendly and interactive. All products are pictured and additional descriptions, images and reviews are available with one click.

As an added bonus, each item can be shared via multiple social media platforms or email, making it easy for shoppers to suggest products to others.

Shoppers can create an account to receive special store promotions and make checkout faster, or simply shop as a guest. All major credit cards are accepted, and most items can be shipped.

On-site pick up at the Dept. of Agriculture offices at 165 Capitol Avenue in Hartford can also be arranged by appointment. All proceeds from the online store will be put back into inventory to help make it a self-sustaining venture.

Online subscribers of the Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report will receive an email announcement when the site goes live, along with a special discount coupon code that also will be printed in the hardcopy report received by mail subscribers.

Updates also will be available on [Facebook.com/CTGrownStore](https://www.facebook.com/CTGrownStore) – designed to reach a broad audience interested in supporting the Connecticut Grown program – and on the department's main website, CTGrown.gov.

Become a fan of the Facebook page to receive new product announcements, discount and free shipping coupon codes and further news as the 2014 holiday shopping season gets underway.

"We are happy to provide Connecticut Grown enthusiasts with additional gift-giving options this holiday season and beyond," Commissioner Reviczky said. "These items provide a year-round way to show support and appreciation for Connecticut's hard-working farm families and all they do to make our state a great place to live, work and play."



A commemorative T-shirt made a good blanket for this toddler napping at the Farmland Preservation Celebration.

USDA MICROLOAN CAP GROWS TO \$50,000

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds farmers that the FSA borrowing limit for microloans increased on Nov. 7 from \$35,000 to \$50,000.

The microloan change allows beginning, small and mid-sized farmers to access an additional \$15,000 in loans using a simplified application process with up to seven years to repay.

Microloans offer borrowers lending with less paperwork as part of USDA's continued commitment to small and mid-sized farming operations.

Additional changes to FSA eligibility requirements will enhance beginning farmers' access to land, a key barrier to entry level producers.

FSA policies related to farm experience have changed so that other types of skills may be considered to meet the direct farming experience required for farm ownership loan eligibility.

Operation or management of non-farm businesses, leadership positions while serving in the military or advanced education in an agricultural field will now count towards the experience applicants need to show when applying for farm ownership loans.

Since 2010, FSA has made a record amount of farm loans — more than 165,000 loans totaling nearly \$23 billion.

More than 50 percent of USDA's farm loans now go to beginning farmers. In addition, FSA has increased its lending to socially-disadvantaged producers by nearly 50 percent since 2010.

Contact your local FSA Office for further information:

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NO AG REPORT NEXT WEEK

The CT Weekly Agricultural Report is not published during Thanksgiving week. Commissioner Reviczky wishes all of our readers a happy and healthy holiday!



Dept. of Agriculture Marketing Representative Rebecca Eddy helps a customer at the Connecticut Grown merchandise tent during the Farmland Preservation Celebration on the Lebanon Green.

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